

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU  
TO RUQMNIXAMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY 0637  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY MBABANE PRIORITY  
SECSTATE WASHDC 7426

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NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR CLARK AND STAFFDEL BALLANCE AND FREEMAN

MBABANE FOR RDO KEAN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP, OREP, LT  
SUBJECT: VISITS TO LESOTHO

REF: A. STATE 183153, B. STATE 187690

1. REFTELS INDICATE ARRIVAL OF BOTH PARTIES IN MASERU ON SAME FLIGHT, I.E. FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 8:30 A.M. DEPARTURE BOTH PARTIES SET FOR EARLY A.M. MONDAY FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG. SCHEDULE THUS PERMITS ONLY ONE WORKING DAY (FRIDAY) FOR CALLING ON LESOTHO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER NON-USG PERSONS. EMBASSY EXPERIENCE IS THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR OFFICIAL CALLS ANYTIME SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. ONLY ALTERNATIVE WILL BE TO ARRANGE SOCIAL GATHERINGS ON WEEJEND AT EMBASSY, AID, PEACE CORPS HOMES. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO TRY TO FO THIS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO FULLER PROVAM OF OFFICIAL CALLS.

2. PROPOSED SIMULTANEOUS VISITS POSE NEARLY INSURMOUNTABLE  
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LOGISTICAL AND PROTOCOL PROBLEMS FORSMALL POST. AID OPERATIONS OFFICER, CHARGE ANDTWO EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL TRY TO COPE IF NECESSARY BUT STRONGPY RECOMMEND THATONE ITINERARY OR OTHER BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW VISITS AT DIFFERENH TIMES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS (EMBASSY/AID SHACE ONE DRIVER), WE PERCEIVE DIFFICULTY IN SCHEDULING OFFICLAL CALLS FOR TWO GROUPS IN ONE DAY. ALL CALLS MUST BE MADE THROUGH FOREIGN

AFFAIRS

PROTOCOL OFFICE AT GOL INSISTENCE AND WE ANTICIPATE  
OBJECTIONS FROM PROTOCOL TO SCHSDALING BOTH PARTIES FOR SEPARATE  
CALLS WITH SOME OF SAME PEOPLE ON SAME DAY. WOULD APPRECIATE,  
THEREFORE, KNOWING WHETHER AMBASSADOR CLARK AND STAFFDEL WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO ACCEPT COMBINED CALLS WHERE SUBJECT MATTER IS OF  
MUTUAL INTEREST, IF TIMING CANNOT BE AMENDED TO SEPARATE THE  
VISITS. EMBASSY PRESUMES BOTH PARTIES WILL WANT EARLIEST POSSIBLE  
BRIEFINGS FOLLOWING ARRIVAL. LIMITED STAFF (CHARGE, SECOND  
SECRETARY AND AID OPERATIONS OFFICER) MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO  
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CONDUCT TWO BRIEFINGS SIMULTANEOUSLY. AGAIN,  
IF ITINERARIES CANNOT  
BE MODIFIED, EMBASSY/AID WOULD PROPOSE COMBINED BRIEFING COVERING  
ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST AND CONTINUING THEN WITH OTHER MATTERS  
OF INTEREST PERHAPS ONLY TO STAFFDEL OR AMB. CLARK.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST STAFFDEL AND AMBASSADOR CLARK TO  
CONSULT AND ADVISE WHETHER ONE ITINERARY OR OTHER CAN BE REVISED  
AND IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE,  
TO INDICATE WHETHER AND TO WHAT DEGREE  
COMBINED CALLS AND BRIEFINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE.  
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